



STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAM
NUJOMA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF
THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
TWELVE (12TH) HELAO NAFIDI BUSINESS EXPO 2017

HELAO NAFIDI

OHANGWENA REGION

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Director of Ceremonies;
Hon. Minister and Deputy Ministers present;
Hon. Governor of Ohangwena Region and other Governors present;
Your Worship the Mayor of Helao Nafidi Town Council and other Mayors present;
Honourable Regional and Local Authority Councillors;
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps;
Distinguished Captains of Industry;
Distinguished Traditional Authorities and Spiritual Leaders present;
Distinguished Members of the Helao Nafidi Preparatory Committee;
Distinguished Participants and Exhibitors;
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Members of the Media
Ladies and Gentleman:

I am delighted to have been invited and accorded this opportunity in order to officiate at the Helao Nafidi Business Expo Twenty Seventeen (2017).

Allow me therefore to express my profound gratitude and appreciations to the management of Helao Nafidi Town Council for the invitation.

I am reliably informed that the first Helao Nafidi Business Expo was hosted in 2001 with the aim of according space and opportunity to entrepreneurs from within the town and beyond to showcase their products, network and share business ideas.

This year marks the twelve (12th) Business Expo hosted by the Helao Nafidi Town Council that will contribute significantly to the well-being of the residents of the town and the constituencies in Ohangwena Region, as well as the entire Namibian Nation.

I am glad to hear that the Helao Nafidi Business Expo is working hand- in -hand with the country's long and medium Plans such as the National Developmental Plan (NDP 5), Vision 2030 and the Council's Strategic Plan, which is focused on bringing about development at the grass-root level.

Against this background, the Helao Nafidi Town Council is working tirelessly in assuring that the socio-economic and developmental activities of its residents and the region at large is given the first priority. This can only be realized through events of this nature.

Although the Helao Nafidi Town council is trying its very best, there are challenges that Council can only overcome if the public meet the Council halfway in order to address the challenges facing Small and Medium Enterprises within the region.

These include and not limited to the plight of creating a conducive trade environment and putting in place Government Trade support mechanisms, among others.

I am very happy to see the achievement and the popularity Helao Nafidi Business Expo has gained over the years. I am informed that the first Expo was hosted under a tree and today the Expo is being hosted in a state -of -the -art exhibition hall. This is a clear indication that the expo is growing in leaps and bounds.

At this juncture, allow me to encourage the Small and Medium Enterprises to become actively involved in this Expo endeavor by assisting the Helao Nafidi Business Expo with funds and by showcasing their products and services.

By so doing this will enhance the town's economy to grow, which will bring about better living conditions for our people and eventually advance the country's economic status.

I am also pleased to note that Private exhibitors, Government Ministries, Offices and Agencies are also represented during the business expo. This enables the public to learn about the functions of various government departments present.

We are also witnessing today the official opening of the newly constructed Oshikango open market of the Helao Nafidi Town as part of the development this town has brought about.

In conclusion, I urge you to keep up the good work. I also want to thank all those who made this event possible and those who took time to explore the Helao Nafidi Border Town, which is indeed a Hidden Treasure.

With these few words, it is now my pleasure to declare the The Twelve (12th) Helao Nafidi Business Expo Twenty Seventeen (2017) officially open.

I thank you all!